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**HOWARD ROBARD
HUGHES**

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TO : MR. E. A. MANN
FROM : A. BOSEN
SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER

DATE: 5/5/45

Call 10:15 PM

SAC Conroy, New York, telephonically advised the following information regarding John William Meyer.

Meyer has the background of being a promoter and was active in the wheat market in Chicago some years ago and is supposed to have been engaged in some shady deals. He was reported to have been friendly with [REDACTED]

About two years ago the American Mercury Magazine ran an article entitled "Hollywood Press Agent" which concerns John Meyer although he is not mentioned by name. Mr. Conroy said this article is supposed to be quite informative and that everyone in the movie world knows who the subject of this particular was and that there was quite a lot of research put into it and it was rather accurate.

Meyer was press agent for the Trocadero night club in Hollywood and a short time thereafter he went on the Warner Brothers payroll and he later became the publicity director for the Howard Hughes Aircraft Company, owned by Howard Hughes, and is reported to have sold a quantity of planes to the Russian Army for delivery after the war.

Mr. Conroy said they are trying to locate the article "Hollywood Press Agent" which appeared in the American Mercury and he will advise the Bureau as soon as it is located.

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John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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JOE WILLIAM WESTON, M.D.
JOHN WILFRED HICKSLLA, B.Sc.,
DIPLOMATE OF CANADA

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Reference is made to the memorandum dated April 27, 1945, prepared for the Director by the Los Angeles Field Division in the above-mentioned matter.

The New York Field Division has further advised that Lyons has the background of being a promoter and was active in the street market in Chicago some years ago where he is supposed to have engaged in some "shady" deals. He was also reported to have been friendly with [redacted]

About two years ago the American Mercury magazine published an article entitled "Hollywood Press Agent" which article pertains to Rivers although he is not mentioned in it by name. The magazine article is said to be quite informative with an abundance of rather accurate information concerning Rivers. It is further reported that Rivers was employed as press agent for the Froedersight Club in Hollywood shortly before his employment in the Warner Brothers Studio. While employed as publicity director for the Howard Hughes Aircraft Company, Rivers is said to have sold a quantity of airplanes to the Russian Army for delivery after the current war is terminated.

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May 20, 1945

FBI, Los Angeles

cc - FBI, New York (regular mail) - b7c

The New York Field Division should be alert for information pertaining to John Myers and should promptly advise the Bureau and the Los Angeles Field Division of any additional data which is reported.

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THE DIRECTOR

DATE: May 9, 1945

FROM : A. Rosenkr.

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM LISTER, JR.,
JOHNNY LESTER; MISCELLANEOUS,
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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ASSOCIATION WITH RELATED RISKS

This subject became acquainted with Howard Hughes in 1940 or 1941, when [redacted] years left Lamor Brothers Studios voluntarily and became known as Hughes' public relations director in connection with the Howard Hughes Aircraft Company. He is said to have sold a quantity of planes.

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May 9, 1943

to the Russian Army for delivery after the current war. Through his association with Hughes, Myers became known to Henry Kaiser, the ship magnate, and has put on several parties for the Kaiser interests.

It is reported that, through Myers, a Faicor Liberty ship christened the "Benjamin Farmer" in honor of the Farmer Brothers' Father, this move served to further enhance Myers' position with the Farmer Brothers and other officials. SAC Conroy of the New York Office has reported that confidential information indicated that, on the night of March 30 last, Hughes and Myers conducted a party in Hughes' Waldorf-Astoria Hotel suite separately for J. A. Krug of the War Production Board whom Myers had been cultivating.

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Los Angeles, California
April 27, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

**Re: JOHN WILLIAM MYERS,
JOHNNY MYERS**

In accordance with your request, the following information is submitted concerning the above individual:

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Memo for the Director

April 27, 1945

To: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, wa
JOHNNY MYERS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

About 1940 or 1941 he became acquainted with HOWARD HUGHES [REDACTED] It is said that customers of HUGHES were entertained with liquor and women resulting in his obtaining orders for aircraft. He left the studio voluntarily and became associated with HUGHES as public relations director. In this capacity he became acquainted with HENRY KAISER the shipbuilder and has put on several parties for the KAISER interests. It is said that these parties were a help in getting contracts for KAISER. It is said that MYERS made arrangements for the last KAISER Liberty ship to be named the "Benjamin Farnor" in honor of the father of the Warner Brothers and the WARNEFS went to San Francisco for the launching. As a result MYERS is very close to the WARNEFS and other officials.

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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WA, HSC. INFORMATION CONCERNING:

PICTURE ACTRESS. LATTER CURRENT GIRL FRIEND OF HOWARD HUGHES, FRIEND
AND ASSOCIATE OF MEYER. IT IS ALLEGED ROOSEVELT-BUERSON WEDDING
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ROUTES IN POST WAR AVIATION WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING BID FOR BY PAN
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Associates of Myers

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Myrna Dell, the current girl friend of Howard Hughes.
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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

PATRICK J. DIAZ

FROM : [Signature] Rosen

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with alias,
Johnny Myers; MISCELLANEOUS,
INFORMATION CONCERNING.

PURPOSE OF MEMORANDUM

BACKGROUND OF CASE

Myers, an associate [REDACTED] Elliott, Flynn, and Howard Hughes, has been seen recently on several occasions in the company of Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt. It has been alleged that the marriage of Myers and Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt was engineered by Myers in order to assist Transcontinental Western Airlines to obtain lucrative transoceanic routes in post-war aviation. Jack Frye, President of Transcontinental Western Airlines, has been seen in the company of Myers on recent occasions.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR
FROM : D. Rosen

DATE: June 16, 1925

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with alias,
Johnny Myers; MISCELLANEOUS;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE OF THE DRAWING

This is a status memorandum to further acquaint you with the background, past and present activities, of Johnny Ayers.

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ASSOCIATION WITH HOWARD HUGHES

[REDACTED] advised that Myers is presently the Public Relations Director for the Hughes Aircraft Corporation. This source stated that Howard Hughes has an ear defect and is extremely hard of hearing. As a result, Howard Hughes follows the practice of lip reading which seems to have given him an inferiority complex as far as his social life with women is concerned. Myers, through his extensive knowledge of girls, has served to acquaint Hughes with many young women. Practically all of them are "tarts and chimmies" according to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that a rumor reached him that the Ray Emerson - Malvett Roosevelt

Memorandum for The Director

wedding had been arranged by Myers who was instrumental in bringing the parties together. TWA, in which Hughes is financially interested, is hopeful of obtaining certain valuable transoceanic contracts which are presently being bid for by Pan-American. In [redacted] opinion, a member of the Roosevelt family being close to Myers would facilitate the expected contracts being granted to the Hughes - Frye interests. [redacted] has also heard a rumor that Hughes and Frye are negotiating with the Russians for an airline to that country and that they have been attempting to use the Elliott Roosevelt angle to further their plans in this regard.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

AM:SW

TO : MR. E. A. TAXI

DATE: 6/21/45

FROM : F. A. ROSEN

Call 2:05 PM

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was.
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

ASAC Vincent, New York, telephonically advised in connection with the information that subject was to be in New York with Krug, that it has been determined that Meyer and Krug are presently in Washington. Meyer has a room registered in his name on the top floor, Taldorf Towers, of the Taldorf-Astoria Hotel, which he has had for some time, and Howard Hughes is staying there now. Hughes apparently does not want anyone to know he is there.

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AS ORIGINATED AT LOS ANGELES

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MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 6/2/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/14-29 6/1-11/45	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] -RLB
① JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases Johnny Meyers, Johnny Myers.		②	CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

TOPICS OR FACTS:

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REFERENCES:

Bureau letter dated May 10, 1945.
 Los Angeles Memorandum for the Director dated April 27, 1945.
 Los Angeles Teletypes dated May 19, 21, 23, 26, 1945.

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DETAILS:

This is a joint report of the writer and Special Agent [redacted]
together with Special Agent [redacted]

In 1940 or 1941, he struck up a friendship with HOWARD HUGHES. Informant stated that potential customers of Hughes Aircraft were entertained at these parties, and liquor and women were provided, which resulted in HUGHES obtaining orders for MEYER Aircraft. MEYER left the studio of his own accord and went with HUGHES as Public Relations Director for Hughes Aircraft Corporation.

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As a result of his acquaintance with HOWARD HUGHES, MEYERS became associated with KAISER, the shipbuilder and industrialist, and has put on several parties for KAISER interests, which have been a help to KAISER in obtaining certain contracts.

[REDACTED] stated he knows MEYER quite well, having attended parties at the latter's home [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Subject is alleged to be name-conscious and anxious to meet and associate with people who are well-known to the public. He is sharp and alert to public names. Informant further stated that MEYER has been a confidant of HOWARD HUGHES for some time.

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[REDACTED] went on to say that MEYER graduated [REDACTED] to business associate in 1941 as a result of his friendship with HOWARD KURTZ. After 1941 MEYER was seen frequently in the company of ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT, [REDACTED] and through MEYER the friendship began which finally culminated in marriage between FATE EMMERSON, motion picture actress, and ROOSEVELT.

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stated that MEYER is presently Public Relations Director for Hughes Aircraft Corporation, which position he took in 1940 or 1941. This source continued that HUGHES has an ear defect, presumably from being around airplanes constantly, and as a consequence is extremely hard of hearing. As a result, HUGHES follows the practice of lip-reading, and this defect seems to have given him an inferiority complex as far as his social life with women is concerned. MEYER, through his extensive knowledge of girls, has served to acquaint HOWARD HUGHES with many girls.

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[REDACTED] recalled that approximately three months ago HOWARD HUGHES gave an open house for a group of visiting Russians whom he was attempting to interest in an experimental transport ship which was on the drawing boards at Hughes Aircraft. It was his intention to sell the Russians on ordering an experimental ship of this type. In issuing invitations for the open house, HUGHES specifically requested that no photographs be taken, inasmuch as the visiting Russians, some of whom were military men and in uniform, would be compromised in Russia if any pictures were taken of them attending such a social affair. Accordingly, none of the newspapers took any photographs;

[REDACTED] in discussing MEIER, stated that to the best of his knowledge subject has never worked, but that he is now "in the big money." HOWARD HUGHES is apparently paying him a big salary." Informant bore out previous descriptions by saying that MEIER is a playboy, [REDACTED] and that he is one of a number of such individuals around Hollywood.

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[REDACTED] Practically the same characterization of MEYER was given by [REDACTED] who said his investigation had revealed [REDACTED] subject. Concerning the proposed airline to Russia, [REDACTED] stated that HUGHES and FRIE are linked up with one Colonial CLASSIC SCHOF, Commanding Officer of the Muroc Air Base, at Muroc, Dry Lake, California. As soon as the war is over, it is the intention of these individuals to form a company for the handling of air travel to Russia.

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HILL, JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, MISCELLANEOUS, INFO CONCERNING [REDACTED] DRIVE
NYC TODAY AND IS AGAIN STAYING AT THE WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL. HUGHES
HUGHES, HOWEVER HUGHES ALSO HAS ANOTHER SUITE IN THE HOTEL.
BE ASCERTAINED [REDACTED] WHETHER HUGHES IS STAYING IN THE HOTEL
OR STAY IN SAME ROOM WITH HILL.

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CCM:r1
TO : THE DIRECTOR
FROM : ~~D. ROSEN~~

DATE: JUNE 25, 1945

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM LEY, with alias,
Johnny Myers; DISCHARGEES;
INFO WANTED

HOPES OF REVENGE

This is a status memorandum to further acquaint you with the current activities and associates of Johnny Myers.

Myers has had the Waldorf-Towers room registered in his name for some time and Howard Hughes was an occupant of the room on June 21, 1945.

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DEED. JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING. REBURTEL, JULY SECOND, FORTYFIVE, REQUESTING CURRENT INFORMATION CONCERNING MEYER AND HOWARD HUGHES STILL AT HOTEL WALDORF-ASTORIA THIS CITY. NO INDICATION OF DEPARTURE DATES. SUBJECT REGISTERED JUNE FOURTEENTH, FORTYFIVE, UNDER OWN NAME AND HUGHES JUNE THIRTEENTH, FORTYFIVE UNDER NAME CRAIG GARTZ. BOTH OCCUPY DIFFERENT SUITES. SUBJECT MADE SIDE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC ENDING JUNE TWENTY-SECOND, FORTYFIVE. J. A. KRUG AT WALDORF JUNE FOURTEENTH AND FIFTEENTH, FORTYFIVE IN SUITE MAINTAINED BY HERCULES POWDER COMPANY, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE. NUMEROUS LOCAL AND TOLL CALLS CHARGED TO SUBJECTS ROOM OVER PERIOD JUNE FOURTEENTH TO TWENTYSEVENTH, FORTYFIVE BEING CHECKED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To : the Director

DATE: July 5, 1945

FROM Mr. Rose

SUBJECT: JCL. JILLIA LEE et al., et al. alias,
Johnny Powers;
FUSCILLA SONS; FUSCILLA CO. CAVING

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This is a status memorandum to further acquaint you with the current activities and associates of Johnny Lyons, an associate of Howard Hughes.

Myers originally registered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City, on June 14, 1945, while Howard Hughes registered at the same hotel on June 15, 1945. Hughes, in registering, used the name Crane Garts. The men occupy separate suites.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : R A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with alias Johnny Myers
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: July 7, 1945

CONMEMO

Mr. Tolson
 Mr. E. A. Tamm
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 Mr. Carson
 Mr. Egan
 Mr. Harboe
 Mr. Peacock
 Mr. Quinn, Tamm
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 Mr. Lester
 Miss Head
 Miss Nancy

Purpose

This is a status memorandum to advise you of current developments in the inquiry presently being conducted into the activities of Johnny Myers, Public Relations Director for Howard Hughes.

Current Developments

The Los Angeles Office has also received information that Hughes Productions attempted to secure five and one-half million feet of 35 mm raw motion picture film from the War Production Board. This film is in addition to the regularly scheduled allotment of Hughes Productions according to the Los Angeles Office and is necessary in order for the studio to make 250 prints of the picture "Outlaw." This picture is a current Hughes Production to be released through United Artists.

Publicity as to Trans-Atlantic Air Routes . . . RECORDED

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"Elliott Linked to TWA in Trans-Atlantic O.K." The article comments upon the Presidential approval recently granted to the Civil Aeronautics Board when that board on July 5, 1945 granted international routes to Pan American Airways, American Export Airlines and Transcontinental and Western Airlines. The newspaper indicates that the issuance of a certificate to Transcontinental Western Airlines had repercussions in the House of Representatives when Representative Paul Shafer of Michigan issued a statement saying the facts involved should be "explored" because of the association between Brigadier General Elliott Roosevelt and TWA officials.

Representative Shafer is quoted as follows: "I make no direct accusations but I am forced to admit I am suspicious some undue influence was brought to bear to cause the favorable reconsideration of TWA's application to fly the Atlantic routes." After stating that TWA's application was rejected in January last, Mr. Shafer continued that it appeared that the Civil Aeronautics Board had given two "special favors" and was in some manner persuaded to change its previous decision. The newspaper believed that Representative Shafer was referring to a Civil Aeronautics Board Examiner's recommendation that Pan American and American Export Airlines be granted the routes.

The inquiry in connection with subject Myers has disclosed that he has been very friendly with both Brigadier General Elliott Roosevelt and Jack Krye, President of Transcontinental Western Airlines.

Action to be Taken

None for the present. These data are supplied for your information. You will be promptly advised of subsequent developments in this inquiry.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases: Johnny Meyer, Johnny Myers.		CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING.	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

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DETAILS:

This is a joint report of the writer and Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 57c

SUBJECT'S CONNECTIONS AT HUGHES AIRCRAFT CORPORATION

Since a review of the Los Angeles files indicated that in September, 1944, a Russian military mission was entertained at Hughes Aircraft, Culver City, California, and since it was reflected that in connection with this visit [REDACTED] Hughes Aircraft Corporation, Culver City, California, had been helpful in advising this office of the visit of the Russian military mission, and further since the Los Angeles Office records indicated that JOHNNY MEYER had participated in entertaining the Russian mission, [REDACTED] was consulted on June 8, 1945, with respect to the official connection of subject with Hughes Aircraft Company.

The inquiry was made in such a way that it related to the Russian military mission.

[REDACTED] advised that subject has been connected with Hughes Aircraft since 1942; that although he holds the title of Assistant to the President, HOWARD HUGHES, and Director of Public Relations, MEYER has rarely been near the Hughes plant in Culver City; that MEYER has an office at the Romaine Plant of Hughes Aircraft. [REDACTED] also said that on one occasion recently subject attempted to bring a group of visiting Government officials through the Culver City plant of Hughes Aircraft in order to show their work being done on a secret plane. [REDACTED] Hughes Aircraft refused to give MEYER permission to take this party through, whereupon, MEYER became highly incensed. [REDACTED] indicated that there was not a friendly relationship existing between [REDACTED] and the subject. 67c/b

[REDACTED] also advised that MEYER is a good friend of J. A. KRUG, head of the War Production Board, and MEYER has spent considerable time in entertaining KRUG. [REDACTED] also pointed out that MEYER has spent a lot of time with ELLIOTT ROUSVELT and with FAITH KEEGERSON and has entertained them frequently.

[REDACTED]

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In view of the position of ROBERT GRUSS as President of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, [REDACTED] Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, was consulted. [REDACTED] advised that the only official business which JOHN MEYER was interested in and which related to Lockheed Aircraft was the recent modification of a contract between Lockheed and TWA in which HOWARD HUGHES has a large interest. [REDACTED] said that the contract originally specified that Lockheed would build constellation airplanes for TWA alone. He explained that the constellation aircraft are being built for post-war commercial use and are extra large passenger planes. In view of the fact that WPB approval was needed for the contract modification whereby Lockheed would be able to build these planes for other companies than TWA, JOHN MEYER, who was acting for TWA interests and also in the interests of Lockheed, which company was also anxious to have the contract modification effected, contacted JULIUS A. KRUG during the early part of this year in Los Angeles. MEYER showed the constellation plane to KRUG and KRUG took a ride in the constellation, expressed himself as very pleased with the plane, and thereupon gave WPB approval for the contract modification.

According to [REDACTED] the modification was legitimately approved by WPB and MEYER did not act in an official capacity for Lockheed at this time nor did he ever act as an authorized agent of Lockheed, according to information received by [REDACTED] from ROBERT GRUSS, President of Lockheed.

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When the Lockheed-TWA contract change was first proposed, there were several meetings between Lockheed and TWA officials and there were several social functions at which MEYER conducted himself prominently. MEYER acted as the social representative of HOWARD HUGHES at these various functions. [REDACTED] said that this perhaps explained the reason for MEYER traveling to Washington at which time he expressed himself as being "on business for ROBERT CRUSS."

[REDACTED] also stated that at no time had Lockheed ever entered into a contractual relationship with JOHN MEYER nor had they paid him any money.

According to [REDACTED] Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, the Lockheed-TWA contractual adjustments are now completed so that there will no longer be any business reason for MEYER to be in any way associated with Lockheed.

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It will be recalled that in the previous report in this case some indication existed that PEYER, together with JACK FRYE, President of TWA, and HOWARD HUGHES might be interested in a trans-Pacific airline to Russia and that this group had hoped that the ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT connection would enable facilitating granting of this contract; however, information most recently developed, which has been set out above, indicates that ROOSEVELT has no intention of entering into any phase of the aviation business.

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
535 South Spring Street, Room 900
Los Angeles 15, California
July 27, 1945

Director, FBI

GRONIG

Re: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS.
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING

Dear Sir:

On July 21, 1945, Los Angeles [REDACTED] whose identity is known to the Bureau, stated that HOWARD HUGHES is ready to release "The Outlaw". It will be recalled that information was obtained from a highly confidential source which indicated that MEYER was attempting to secure a considerable quantity of 25 mm raw film for the Hughes organization so that the picture could be released. (See page 25, report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated at Los Angeles July 6, 1945.)

[REDACTED] stated that the picture is ready for release now. This would indicate that the increase in raw film stock allocated to Hughes Aircraft by WPE was secured by MEYER in accordance with instructions set out in the memorandum which has been referred to, in above referenced report.

This situation is being called to the attention of U.S. Bureau inasmuch as Subject's activities with J. A. FRUG of FFB are of interest in this investigation. The possibility exists that the manner in which this film was secured might be of interest to this investigation.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood
R. B. Hood
Special Agent in Charge

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64
Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : A. ROSE *P*

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, wa Johnny Myers
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: JULY 26, 1945

CC: [REDACTED]

Purpose

This memorandum is to advise you of the current developments regarding the activities of Johnny Myers, a former close associate of ~~Eamon~~ Flynn, who is presently connected with Howard Hughes.

Current Activities

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Memorandum for THE DIRECTOR

There is attached for your interest a photograph supplied by the Los Angeles Field Division depicting the Elliott Roosevelt - Faye Emerson wedding party. The individuals in the photograph are identified from left to right as: Mr. and Mrs. ~~Jack~~ Nye, Janet Thomas, Elliott Roosevelt, Faye Emerson, John Meyer, and Mrs. Joseph ~~B~~ Livengood, matron of honor.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

None for the present. You will be promptly advised of further pertinent developments in this inquiry.

Attachment

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Form No. 2
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REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 7/20/45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/3, 4, 5, 19; 6/1, 5, 21, 22, 23, 26, 28, 29; 7/2 3, 12, 13, 19/45	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] b7c
TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, was.		CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject registered at Waldorf-Astoria 6/14/45 under own name, and HOWARD HUGHES 6/13/45 under name CRANE GARTZ. Both in different suites.

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REFERENCE

Bureau letter dated May 10, 1945.

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]

Los Angeles, b7c

7/6/45.

New York teletype dated July 13, 1945.

DETAILS

Information in this report was received from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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The subject registered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel on June 14, 1945 under the name JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, Howard Hughes Productions, Hollywood, California. He was

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assigned Room 3603-4 located in the Waldorf Towers which is a separate unit on the hotel premises, and under different management. All registrations and bills however are handled by the hotel management.

HOWARD HUGHES under the name CRANE GARTZ registered at the hotel on June 13, 1945 and was assigned suite 2635-37 in the hotel proper.

The subject made a side trip to Washington, D.C. which ended June 22, 1945, and he has remained at the Towers since this date. It is noted that in the memorandum received from the Washington Field Division dated June 22, 1945, the subject was actually at the Hotel Statler in Washington, D.C. from June 14th to June 22, 1945.

[REDACTED] stated that while MEYER was on this side trip to Washington, D.C., his suite was occupied by HOWARD HUGHES. As of July 19, 1945, subject has incurred a hotel bill in the amount of \$1600. which he has informed the hotel management will be paid by the HUGHES AIRCRAFT CORPORATION.

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The New York Daily News dated July 6, 1945 featured an article in which Representative SHAFFER urged an investigation to determine whether the CAA was influenced by pressure brought by Brigadier General ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT in making its decision to permit the TWA to engage in Trans-Atlantic service. The article referred to a speech by the Representative which was inserted in the Congressional

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Record. Among other things Representative SHAFFER pointed out that when ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT returned to the United States from England last fall he was met by JOHN MEYER, a personal representative of HOWARD HUGHES, who owns control of TWA. SHAFFER stated that MEYER quickly became a spokesman "not only for HUGHES but for ROOSEVELT and made the announcement that ROOSEVELT would go to California to marry FAYE EMERSON". SHAFFER stated that later MEYER went to Hyde Park where he conferred with the late President Roosevelt. SHAFFER pointed out that when ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT and FA耶E EMERSON were married, the entire wedding party was flown from California to the Grand Canyon by JACK FRYE, President of TWA.

The same newspaper on July 13, 1945, featured a story on the loans received by ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT and revealed that he was questioned on July 12, 1945 at the Waldorf Towers by Internal Revenue Agents.

It has been noted that the name of HOWARD HUGHES and JOHNNY MEYER have appeared occasionally in local newspaper columns as having been observed in various night clubs in this city. No physical surveillance has been instituted in this case pursuant to Los Angeles teletype dated June 19, 1945.

[REDACTED]

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YORK. RE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WITH ALIAS, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT, HOWARD HUGHES, JANE THOMAS STILL AT WALDORF ASTORIA HOTEL. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS [REDACTED]

CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Glavin
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Quinn
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UNTO. JOHN WILLIAM HEYES, WAS, MISC, INFO CONCERNING.
SUBJECT CHECKED OUT OF WALDORF LAST NIGHT LEAVING FORWARDING
ADDRESS OF ELEVEN THIRTY FOUR N. OSBURN DRIVE, LOS ANGELES. HIS
ACCOUNT OF ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY FOUR DOLLARS AND TWENTY
FIVE CENTS BILLED TO HUGHES AIRCRAFT, CULVER CITY. JAMES THOMAS AND
HUGHES STILL AT WALDORF.

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Members of the Elliott Roosevelt-Faye Emerson wedding party shown after bride's marriage at Grand Canyon. Left to right, Mrs. Jack Frye; Jack Frye, best man and president of TWA; General Thomas Elliott Roosevelt and his bride; John Meyer, who gave the bride away, and Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, who was matron of honor.

Pan Am Charges CAB Routes Favored Elliott R.'s Pal-TWA

Washington, D. C., July 30.—There were echoes of Grand Canyon wedding of Elliott Roosevelt and movie actress Faye Emerson today when Pan American Airways charged American Civil Aviation Authority it had violated its decision by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

One of the best planes, Pan American asserted, was given to Transcontinental and Western Air Express and constituted a Government subsidy. It recalled that on July 8 Representative Paul V. Shafer (R-Mich.) urged Congressional investigation of the much-suspected Elliott to determine whether he had brought pressure to get favors for his good friend in TWA.

Officials at Wedding.—None of Elliott's public relations staff was with the bride and groom in abundance at the base of the lake. The chief spokesman was Harry

Givens, granddaughter of the late Miss Schenck-Holik, who served as matron of honor, and actress June Allyson.

Givens also said that Meyer apparently was personal representative and spokesman for Elliott as well as Hughes, for it was he who had personnel all the time.

Elliott had been heavily indoctrinated by Meyer, Givens reported, after which Meyer visited President Roosevelt at Hyde Park.

While this was going on, Givens said, "TWA's application for a North Atlantic route was before the CAB. And I think that that CAB's own people favored their routes, after hearing

investigation by the American and American Airlines. The CAB

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Claims TWA Favor

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suddenly handed one of the best routes to TWA.

In its petition filed with CAB today, Pan American pointed out that it was being kept out of five of six of the largest transatlantic centers—Paris, Berlin, Rome, Moscow and Cairo. It charged that CAB's allocation of routes created a monopoly in favor of TWA for Paris and Rome. American Airlines was handed the same favors for traffic to Berlin and Moscow, it said.

Wants Only to Compete

Only London would be available to Pan American, but not on a monopoly basis for it would have to compete for traffic to the British capital with American Airlines.

Pan American's petition also asks only that it be allowed to compete on even terms with TWA and American Airlines over the foreign routes it pioneered.

Meanwhile, prospects of Congressional action on investigation into EDO's bidding practices dimmed slightly. Two-minded legislators had been meeting here, the former

Rep. Congressional group, House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees, are continuing

that took place when EDO got a fancy to getting into the network field.

Topping the list is the \$100 million EDO obtained from Hartford, president of Atlantic & Pacific, which settled for \$100,000. The original \$125,000 in a suit in his income tax court.

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TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm

DATE: August 21, 1945

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with alias: Johnny Myers
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

This memorandum is to acquaint you with the results obtained
to date [REDACTED]

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clark
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Lane
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Dean
Mr. Hendon
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Mr. Quinn Tamm
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Mr. Leake
Miss Smith
Miss Gandy

ASSOCIATES OF MYERS

This individual was formerly [REDACTED] for movie actor Earl Flynn and it is reported that his activities in this regard became so notorious that Warner Brothers Studios requested Flynn to desist. Myers then became associated with Howard Hughes, airplane manufacturer and movie producer.

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There have been indications that the Hughes Movie Company which is operated by Howard Hughes has received additional allotments of raw film through the War Production Board in order to effect the release of the movie, "The Outlaw." However, there have been no indications of irregular activities upon the part of Mr. Krug in releasing this raw film to the Howard Hughes Productions.

[REDACTED]

It is noted that Representative Paul W. Shafer in speaking before the House of Representatives on July 5, 1945, regarding the issuance of certificates by the Civil Aeronautics Board referred to the fact that Transcontinental Eastern Airlines was awarded choice transoceanic routes. Representative Shafer commented

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Mr. E. A. Tamm

that in November, 1945, when Elliott Roosevelt returned to the United States, he was feted in New York night clubs by John Meyer, spokesman for Howard Hughes, owner of TWA. The representative also commented that the Elliott Roosevelt wedding party had been transported by Jack Frye, president of TWA.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64
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CCN:abk

TO : The Director

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, alias Johnny Myers
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: August 25, 1945

PURPOSE

This memorandum is to advise you of the current activities of Johnny Myers who was a former close associate of Errol Flynn and who is presently connected with Howard Hughes and Jack Frye.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN

These data are supplied for your information. The Los Angeles Office is closely following the activities of subject Myers and you will be promptly advised of future pertinent developments.

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TITLE JOHN WILLIAMS REYER, with aliases: Johnny Meyers, Johnny Myers		CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

MEYER has circulated rumor he obtained film for "The Outlaw", Hughes picture, through confidential motion picture contacts but indications are that MEYER merely used up old film from HUGHES stockpile.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] 7-6-45; Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] New York, 7-10-45.

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[REDACTED] It is also learned from this source that [REDACTED] advised that New York newspapers were blasting the acquiring of TWA's first flight around the world and holding that TWA acquired the rights to post-war air priorities through connivance between HOWARD HUGHES, ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT, and JOHN MEYER. [REDACTED]

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Subject's Activities in HUGHES Enterprises

By physical surveillance it was determined that on August 20, 1945, JOHN MEYER had lunch with JACK FRYE of TWA and with one DIETRICH of Hughes Aircraft in Houston, Texas, at Romaine's Restaurant in Hollywood. Part of the conversation of these individuals was overheard, and it was noted that MEYER and FRYE discussed changes in the administrative personnel at Hughes Aircraft. It was indicated that the treasurer of the company, one FRANK McDONALD, was quitting and that McDONALD was a very valuable individual. It was also learned that MEYER and FRYE appeared anxious to replace CHARLES PERELLI, executive vice-president of Hughes Aircraft in charge of production. MEYER was particularly insistent that PERELLI be replaced, and discussed an interview of one BUD MILLIES, of Ryan Aircraft, San Diego, who had apparently been interviewed by J.W. FRYE as a possible successor to PERELLI. The general trend of this conversation was to the effect that PERELLI was hampering the operation of Hughes Aircraft, at least in the judgment of Subject, and that the Hughes Aircraft needed a complete shake-up. It was also indicated that McDONALD, the treasurer of Hughes, was only getting \$3,000 a year, whereas MEYER himself was getting

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\$10,000, and HEYER said that naturally people like McDONALD resented upstarts like himself, HEYER, coming into the firm in the capacity of public relations director and getting \$10,000. HEYER himself suggested that McDONALD should get at least \$25,000. HEYER and FRIZZ appeared agreed that HUGHES had absolutely no sense of proportion in business and it was apparent from this conversation that HUGHES takes very little direct control of the Hughes Corporation and apparently knows very little about its actual operation. It was further indicated that HEYER has better access to HUGHES than perhaps anyone of the executive personnel of Hughes Aircraft.

As indicated in referenced report of Special Agent [redacted] memorandum dated December 22, 1944, on the stationery of Hughes Productions was located in the personal papers of Subject, and this memorandum stated that Hughes Productions had used up its quota of raw film and that unless a WPA order relaxing its quota could be obtained, the studio would not be able to release the picture entitled "The Outlaw." The memorandum also pointed out it was necessary to obtain five and one-half million feet of .35 mm. raw film and that unless the film were obtained, United Artists could not release the picture for HUGHES.

It was determined through [redacted] on July 21, 1945, that HOWARD HUGHES was ready to release the picture "The Outlaw." [redacted] indicated that the raw film stock of .35 mm. must have been obtained by HOWARD HUGHES through some source.

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that in connection with the film, "The Outlaw," JOHN LEYER had circulated rumors through the HUGHES organization that he had obtained four or five million feet of raw film for "The Outlaw" through some secret connections in the motion picture industry in Hollywood. [REDACTED] stated, however, that he personally knew that there were several million feet of old raw .35 mm. film in the HUGHES stockpile at the Romaine Street Plant of Hughes Aircraft, and it was the opinion of [REDACTED] that LEYER undoubtedly obtained the film from this old stockpile and then circulated rumors that he had pulled a fast one on the WPS through his underground connections in the motion picture industry. [REDACTED] said that as far as he knew there was no illegal juggling of priorities in connection with the obt[] of film for "The Outlaw."

[redacted] advised on August 30, 1945, that in his opinion NOEL HUG could not have stocked four or five million feet of raw film at the Roxina Street Plant because this is too large an amount of film to have merely accum- 52/57

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lated from leavings from other pictures, and [REDACTED] said that no one was astute enough before the war to store up that much film.

[REDACTED] pointed out moreover that the Culver City plant of Hughes Aircraft is so constructed that merely by dropping a few partitions it can be converted into an excellent motion picture studio, particularly for television sets. [REDACTED] added that [REDACTED] had stated that HUGHES was going to go into television production in the near future, and [REDACTED] was of the opinion that this was not mere boasting on Subject's part.

According to [REDACTED] Subject's only present connection with HOWARD HUGHES' enterprises is with HUGHES' motion picture work. MEYER has started a lot of wild rumors about what he is going to do for HOWARD HUGHES in connection with motion pictures - that he is going to build an enormous plant in Culver City and that HOWARD HUGHES will have a major studio in the very near future. This has no basis in fact, according to [REDACTED] at least as far as he knows. MEYER has never done any work at Hughes Aircraft, at least during the last year and a half, to the direct knowledge of [REDACTED]. He has appeared at the plant on Romaine Street on rare occasions and allegedly does his work from his home. He has no knowledge, qualifications, or experience in publicity work and has no relationships with the press to qualify him in any way for his title as publicity director. [REDACTED] states that MEYER is not even allowed at the Culver City Plant or the main Hughes Aircraft Plant.

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[REDACTED] BEYER'S [REDACTED] made several calls to HOWARD
HUGHES in Falls Church, Virginia, on August 2, August 4, and August 18.

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SEPT. THIRTEENTH. SINCE SEPT. FIRST SUBJ HAS BEEN TRAVELING
WITH HOWARD HUGHES. THEY MADE TRIP TO VANCOUVER, BC BY
PRIVATE PLANE OVER LABOR DAY WEEKEND. YVONNE DECARLO,
ACTRESS WHO RECENTLY APPEARED IN ~~SEX~~ MOVIE "SALOME, WHERE
SHE DANCED" WAS WITH GROUP IN VANCOUVER.

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CC: R. Rosen
The Director

cc: Mr. Rosen
Mr. Carroll
Mr. Nelson

August 21, 1945

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JAN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases;
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

~~STORY PICTURES FILM USED BY UNITED ARTISTS PRODUCTIONS
DURING THE CIVIL WAR~~

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The Los Angeles Field Division has learned from a highly confidential source that Johnny Kurn has among his possessions a memorandum dated December 12, 1944, on the stationery of Hughes Productions. This memorandum was not addressed nor was it signed. However, it stated that Hughes Productions had used up its quota of raw film and that unless a War Production Board order relaxing its quota could be obtained the studios would not be able to release the picture entitled "The Outlaw". The memorandum indicated that it was necessary to obtain five and one half million feet of thirty-five millimeter raw film; that United Artists were releasing the picture for Hughes Productions; and that unless the amount of film necessary were obtained it would not be possible to release the picture.

It is noted that, on June 22, 1945, the Chilly Broughton who is affiliated with the Hughes enterprises, while in Washington, received a call from John (possibly Fernal) in New York. Broughton at that time expressed his happiness about getting film and indicated that it was needed to make the pictures for the Hughes Company. On this same date, Broughton told his wife in Los Angeles that they are married Johnny because he has some pull out here. He both got more than he expected. While Broughton was awaiting the completion of one of his long distance calls on June 22, 1945, he made a side remark to a person in his Washington hotel room that he had over one half million feet of film and that an additional 58,000 feet was approved which was more than he expected.

~~16 AUG 21 1945 PICTURE "OUTLAW"~~

[REDACTED] has now advised the Los Angeles office that "The Outlaw" is presently ready for release. SAC Board has pointed out by letter dated July 27, 1945 that this release would indicate that the transfer of raw film to the Hughes organization by the War Production Board will occur in accordance with the terms outlined in the memorandum disclosed by the highly confidential source in the Los Angeles office.

SAC Board surmised that inasmuch as Johnny Kurn's activities in connection with the War Production Board are of interest to the investigation, the possibility exists that the manner in which the film for the production of "The Outlaw" was obtained might likewise be of interest. The Los Angeles Field Division by letter dated August 1, 1945 requested advice as to whether further investigation of these allegations is justified.

1. [REDACTED] cannot be located
2. [REDACTED] can be located.
3. [REDACTED] received by FBI

The Director

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Inasmuch as there is no tangible evidence that subject Johnny Rocco, alias Rocco, Hughes Productions and J. D. Drug of the Bar Production Company have violated the law in the granting of additional film to Edward G. Remy, it is not deemed advisable to conduct further active investigation into this particular phase of Remy's activities. The law section office will be advised by teletype to conduct no further active investigation into the manner in which Hughes Productions secured additional film.

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LAD. JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, W.A. MISC. INFO. CONCERNING. REBURTEL
SEPTEMBER TWENTY EIGHT. SUBJ. HAS SPENT PRACTICALLY ALL
OF HIS TIME SINCE SEPT. [REDACTED] THIRD WITH HOWARD HUGHES IN VANCOUVER,
B.C. AND AT RENO AND [REDACTED] LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. IN LATTER TWO PLACES
HUGHES AND MEYER REGISTERED AT HOTELS UNDER FICTITIOUS NAMES.

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INDICATIONS

RECEIVED HUGHES TO MAKE MAJOR CHANGES IN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR
FROM : A. ROSEN
SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: 10/4/45

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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 10-15-11 BY SP/PL

PURPOSE - This memorandum is to acquaint you with recent information which has been received from the Los Angeles Division regarding the activities of Johnny Meyer.

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MEYER'S ACTIVITIES IN HUGHES ENTERPRISES - During his recent engagement with Jack Frye of TWA, in August, 1945, Meyer discussed with Frye changes in the administrative personnel at Hughes Aircraft. Meyer and Frye agreed to replace one Charles Perelli, executive vice-president in charge of production, inasmuch as Meyer and Frye believe that Perelli is hampering the operations of the company.

Frye and Meyer agreed that Howard Hughes had absolutely no sense of proportion in business and it was apparent from their conversation that Hughes takes very little direct control of the Hughes Corporation and knows very little about its actual operation. It also appeared that Meyer has better access to Hughes than perhaps any one of the executive personnel of Hughes Aircraft.

[REDACTED] has advised that Meyer circulated rumors through the Hughes organization that he had obtained several million feet of negative film for "The Outlaw," a Hughes production, through some secret connections in the motion picture industry.

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picture industry. [REDACTED] stated, however, that he personally knew that there were several million feet of old raw 35 millimeter film in the Hughes stockpile. [REDACTED] believes that Meyer obtained the film from this old stockpile and then circulated rumors that he had pulled a "fast one" on the War Production Board through his underground connections in the motion picture industry. [REDACTED] said that as far as he knew there was no illegal juggling of priorities in connection with the obtaining of film for "The Outlaw."

[REDACTED] has advised that in his opinion Howard Hughes could not have stocked four or five million feet of raw film at his plant because this is too large an amount of film to have merely accumulated from leavings from other pictures. [REDACTED] has also advised that Meyer has been making inquiries as to whether he was being investigated by the Bureau or by other Governmental agencies indicating that he believed his connections with Elliott Roosevelt were under scrutiny.

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Since September 1, 1945, Meyer has been traveling with Howard Hughes. Meyer and Hughes made a trip to Vancouver, B.C. by private plane over the Labor Day week-end. Ivonne De Carlo, motion picture actress, who recently appeared in the movie, "Salome, Where She Danced," was with the group in Vancouver.

[REDACTED]

Meyer and Hughes have, however, made recent trips to Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada, where they registered under fictitious names at hotels in these two cities.

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REPORT MADE BY LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 10/24/45	PERIOD FOR 971-1079/45	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
(CHANGED) JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases: Johnny Meyers, Johnny Myers, John W. Morris.		CHARACTER OF CASE: [REDACTED]	
		MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] colors	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject made trips with HOWARD HUGHES and IVONNE DE CARLO, motion picture actress, to Vancouver, B.C., and to Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada. HUGHES planning global air routes as extensions of TWA. Indication that TWA has offered KRUG a position following KRUG'S retirement as head of W.P.B.; HUGHES indicated to subject that CHARLES PERELLI to lose position at Hughes Aircraft. Subject continuing association with JANET THOMAS but has kept away from the ELLIOT ROOSEVELTS. Subject's federal income tax for 1942 and 1943 shown.		[REDACTED]	
REFERENCE: Bureau File #62-78335. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Los Angeles, September 6, 1945.		[REDACTED]	
DETAILS: Subject registered on OCTOBER 11, 1945, at the Riverside Hotel, Reno, Nevada, under the name of JOHN W. MORRIS, age 35, height 5' 7 1/2", weight 175 lbs, hair brown, eyes blue. The title of this case is being marked changed in order to show an additional alias of the subject as JOHN W. MORRIS, in view of the fact that subject used this alias in registering at the Riverside Hotel, Reno, Nevada, a Palace Club, and at various other places. This is a joint report of Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
<u>SUBJECT'S TRIPS</u> : According to [REDACTED] subject planned to fly to Vancouver, B.C.		[REDACTED]	
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over the Labor Day week-end with HOWARD HUGHES and YVONNE DeCARLO, motion picture actress who recently appeared in the film "Salome, Where She Danced".

Subsequently the following was noted in the gossip column of HARRISON CARROLL in the Los Angeles Evening "Herald & Express" of September 6, 1945: "Although they refused to be photographed, Yvonne DeCarlo and Howard Hughes have been traipsing all over Vancouver together. But Hughes' trip, according to rumor, has a very serious object: the establishment of an airline from Vancouver to Japan." It was also noted that subject on August 31, 1945 sent a wire to a Mr. BURNS, Vancouver Hotel, Vancouver, B. C. in which subject requested a reservation for two pilots for Saturday night only.

Subject returned to Los Angeles on September 11, 1945 and at this time was in brief contact with [redacted] who learned that subject and HOWARD HUGHES planned to make a trip to Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada with YVONNE DeCARLO. It was learned that [redacted] was not certain if [redacted]

Source [redacted] subsequently advised that subject, as JOHN W. MORRIS, had telephoned the Riverside Hotel in Reno from Los Angeles and had made reservations for a party of four persons including himself. MEYER indicated at this time that HOWARD HUGHES would be one of the party and MEYER identified himself as HUGHES' manager. It was later learned by Source [redacted] that HOWARD HUGHES, YVONNE DeCARLO, who registered as YVONNE MIDDLETON, HUGHES' private pilot, and subject were in the party which arrived on the evening of September 11, 1945. It was learned that subject and the pilot slept in a twin bed in the bedroom of JOE RHNLL, owner and manager of the Palace Club, who maintains a permanent suite at the Riverside Hotel, and that HOWARD HUGHES and YVONNE DeCARLO stayed in Room 315. The hotel records reflect that "MORRIS and party occupied Room 315".

On the evening of September 11, 1945 Source [redacted] ascertained that subject was in telephonic conversation with an unidentified man and that during this conversation subject claimed to be HOWARD HUGHES' manager and said that HUGHES was in the process of selling all of his property with the exception of the Hughes Tool Factory in Houston, Texas. MEYER further said that HUGHES is inaugurating a new airline which will be an adjunct of TWA and that it will not duplicate TWA present lines but will extend from TWA bases to points throughout the Pacific Ocean and will eventually cover the entire world. It was stated by subject that the new HUGHES project would provide for extensive trips throughout the world, but that there

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would be no overnight flights. He said also that HOWARD HUGHES would maintain luxurious hotels at various TWA stations for the convenience of passengers in the evening hours.

Source [redacted] also advised that HOWARD HUGHES, subject, and IVONNE DeCARLO spent most of the day of September 12, 1945 at Lake Tahoe, returning to Reno late in the evening. It was learned later in the evening that subject and HOWARD HUGHES talked to someone in Los Angeles on a telephone call, and it was believed that this individual was one CENKIRK, who it is noted in referenced report, is an official of the Hughes Aircraft Company. During this conversation MEYER was overheard to say "With the setup we have we should get closer to KAISER." This is apparently a reference to HARRY KAISER, with whom HOWARD HUGHES has had considerable business dealings in the past. b7D

It was further determined through Source [redacted] that HOWARD HUGHES until recently retained a single room at the Riverside Hotel in Reno the year around. It was learned that HUGHES has the reputation at the Riverside Hotel of being very eccentric. He is not known to have brought women with him on his previous occasional trips to Reno. He is known to have registered as HARRY JONES when he stayed at the Riverside Hotel. b7D

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Subject, together with HOWARD HUGHES and IVONNE DeCARLO, proceeded to Las Vegas in the early afternoon of September 13, 1945. Subject and HUGHES stayed at the Hotel El Rancho Vegas, but Miss DeCARLO stayed at the Last Frontier Hotel. HUGHES left word at his hotel that his visit there should receive no publicity.

[REDACTED]

Despite HOWARD HUGHES' request for no publicity, a news-story concerning him appeared in the Las Vegas "Morning Tribune" on September 17, 1945. This story indicated JOHN MEYER accompanied HUGHES to Las Vegas, and that MEYER is his "confidant and assistant for many years".

Subject, together with HOWARD HUGHES and IVONNE DeCARLO, left in HUGHES' plane from Las Vegas September 16, 1945, reportedly for Los Angeles. Subject was first noted again to be in Los Angeles on September 19, 1945. It was learned through a physical surveillance that subject spent considerable time with HOWARD HUGHES who was staying at the Town House in Los Angeles, except for intervals when subject and HUGHES were out of the city.

~~It was learned through [REDACTED] that subject had gone to the home of THOMAS JOYCE in Santa Barbara with HOWARD HUGHES on September 22, 1945.~~

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[REDACTED]

Following the return of the subject from Palm Springs on September 25, 1945 subject and HUGHES were together around Los Angeles, HUGHES staying at the Town House, Room 905, under the name J. B. ALEXANDER. On September 29, 1945 subject and HOWARD HUGHES made a trip to San Diego and subject returned alone on the same evening to Los Angeles.

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It was learned through Confidential Informant [] that on October 2, 1945 subject wired one E. HUTCHINS, Assistant Manager, Rancho Vegas Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, stating "REMEMBER HODDIE POSITIVELY NO PUBLICITY FOR MYSelf OR ANY MEMBER OF PARTY DURING STAY. THANKS. REGARDS." It was later observed by physical surveillance that subject, together with HOWARD HUGHES and a woman believed to be YVONNE DeCARLO, left the Metropolitan Airport in HUGHES' private plane, apparently for Las Vegas, Nevada.

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It was learned through Confidential Informant [redacted] that on September 29, 1945 subject sent a wire to LEONARD OILCHRIST, manager Waldorf Astoria Towers, as follows: "PLEASE SEND ALL LETTERS AND WIRES, ALSO ANY WIRES HELD AT WU DESK FOR HOWARD HUGHES TO ME AT 1134 NORTH OGDEN DRIVE, HOLLYWOOD. REGARDS."

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SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES AND
CONTACTS IN HOLLYWOOD.

By physical surveillance it was determined that subject and HOWARD HUGHES, together with YVONNE DeCARLO and SABET THOMAS, visited the Florentine Gardens in Hollywood on the evening of September 15, 1945. During their visit to this night club HUGHES and MEYER were overheard in conversation to discuss the dismissal of CHARLES PERELLI, presently in charge of production at Hughes Aircraft Company. HUGHES advised MEYER confidentially that PERELLI would be replaced as soon as a suitable man could be found and further indicated that MEYER was to receive a raise. It was indicated then that BUD GILLIES, who was mentioned in referenced report as an applicant for PERELLI'S position, was the outstanding candidate in the minds of HUGHES and MEYER at this time.

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It was also shown that Miss DULROUE is employed by Howard Hughes Productions, 7020 Romaine, Hollywood, that she is a motion picture actress and has been under contract for several years.

[redacted] was recontacted and stated that there was no further activity in the accounts of HOWARD HUGHES and JUNIOR MEYER at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

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In view of the fact that investigation during the period of this report indicates the close connection between HUGHES and JOHN MEYER, and since it is indicated that CHARLES PIRELLI will shortly lose his position at Hughes Aircraft, it is not deemed advisable to attempt to obtain [redacted] through PIRELLI.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION:

At Los Angeles, California will continue to investigate the daily activities of subject with particular reference to his associations with HOWARD HUGHES.

Will determine the nature of any communications made by subject which may be of interest to this inquiry.

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A copy of this report is being designated for the New York Field Division in view of subject's previous activities in New York.

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ADQ. JOHN W. HEYER, WAS, MISC., INFO CONCERNING.

[REDACTED] IS ALSO STATED TO [REDACTED] 574
HAVE RECEIVED OTHER OFFERS, INCLUDING ONE FROM HOWARD HUGHES FOR AN
EXECUTIVE POSITION WITH TWA,

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TALE: JOHN W. MEYER, WAS, MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING.
MEYERS ACTIVITIES FOR WEEK OF NOV. TWELVE, LAST, WERE CONSIDERABLY
CURTAILED AS SUBJECT WAS SUFFERING FROM INFLUENZA. MEYERS INTERESTS
WERE PRIMARILY LIMITED TO CONTACTING VARIOUS GIRLS SUCH AS DIANA
~~X~~ LYNN, JEAN ~~X~~ CRANE AND OTHERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOVIES IN WHOM HOWARD
~~X~~ HUGHES HAS INDICATED AN INTEREST AND DESIRES TO MEET. MEYER IS IN
CLOSE CONTACT WITH HUGHES AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HUGHES AND HIM-
SELF TO GO TO PALM SPRINGS FOR A VISIT. MEYER PLANNED TO LEAVE FOR
PALM SPRINGS EVENING OF NOV. NINETEEN, LAST, WHERE HE WOULD JOIN
HUGHES. INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT MEYER DURING OCTOBER LAST MADE
CONTACTS WITH MOST ALL HOLLYWOOD COLUMNISTS AND OFFERED GIFTS OF
SCOTCH WHISKEY WHICH WERE REPORTEDLY OFFERED IN ORDER TO HAVE
COLUMNISTS REFRAIN FROM MAKING COMMENTS ON HOWARD HUGHES ASSOCIATION
WITH YVONNE ~~X~~ CARLO.

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JOHN W. MEYER, WAS, MISC. INFO. CONCERNING. JOHN MEYER RE-
TURNED FROM PALM SPRINGS ON NOVEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST. SINCE
HIS RETURN FROM PALM SPRINGS, MEYER HAS CONTINUED TO MAKE
CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS WOMEN IN MOVIES IN WHOM HOWARD HUGHES
HAS SHOWN INTEREST. NO INFORMATION OF UNUSUAL INTEREST DE-
VELOPED.

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cc: Mr Nelson

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
November 6, 1945

Director, FBI

Dear Sir:

RE: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases;
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in 1943
he became closely associated with HOWARD HUGHES and was given a position as



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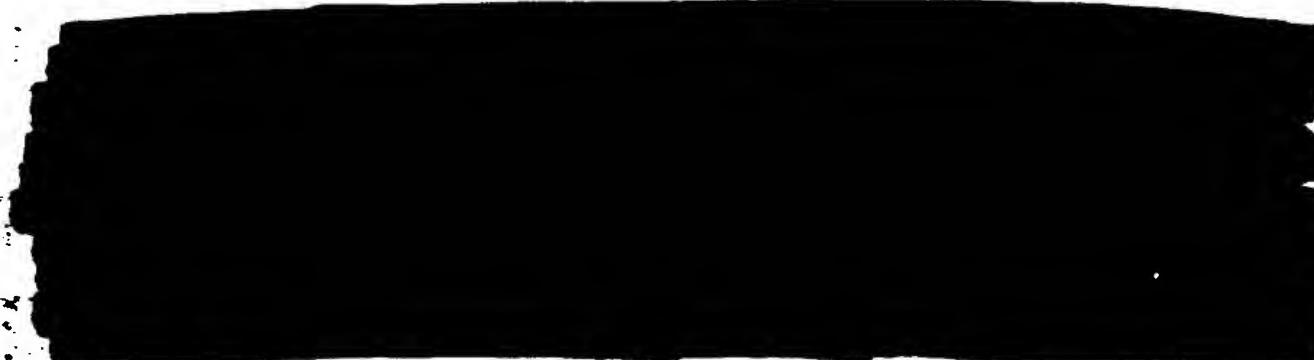
Re: John William Meyer, wa;
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public relations director with the HUGHES AIRCRAFT CORPORATION and has continued to hold that position since 1941.



MEYER's principal responsibility as an employee of HOWARD HUGHES appears to be that of confidant. It is positively known that he is always in very close contact with HUGHES whenever the latter is in Los Angeles and, furthermore, he frequently arranges pleasure and business trips and entertainment for HUGHES as is evidenced by trips made by all of these persons with YVONNE de CARLO, film actress. In addition, MEYER appears to act as a liaison man for the HUGHES enterprises for he always appears to be designated to entertain outstanding persons coming to Los Angeles who have any contact with the HUGHES organization.



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Re: John William Meyer, wa;
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He has been
acting as a liaison man for HUGHES in endeavoring to iron out his contract
with SOL LESSERMAN, United Artists Studio, who was to handle HOWARD HUGHES
motion picture "The Outlaw".

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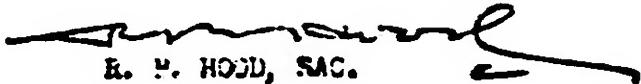
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Very truly yours,

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AIR MAIL


R. P. HOOD, SAC.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

FROM : MR. A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM HEYER, WAS.;
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: December 6, 1945
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PURPOSE

To acquaint you with the recent developments in this case and to call to your attention the Los Angeles Division's recent request that consideration be given to closing this case.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The subject has recently been reported as suffering from influenza and his activities have been limited to contacting various girls such as Diana Lynn, Jean Crane, and others associated with the movie industry, in whom Horace Hughes has indicated an interest and desires to meet. Heyer and Howard Hughes, as of November 26th, were reported to be planning a trip to Palm Springs. Information has also been received that Heyer, during the month of October, made contacts with most of the Hollywood columnists and offered gifts of scotch whiskey, apparently in an effort to have the columnists refrain from commenting upon Howard Hughes' association with Yvonne De Carlo.

Subject is also reported as having made trips with Howard Hughes and Yvonne De Carlo to Vancouver and to Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada.

BACKGROUND

[REDACTED]

- In 1940, he became closely associated with Howard Hughes, being employed as Public Relations Director for Hughes Aircraft Corporation. [REDACTED]

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Memo to The Director

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It has been shown that Meyer is a very close contact of Hughes. He frequently arranges pleasure and business trips for him and, in addition, appears to act as a liaison man for Hughes' enterprises. He always is designated to entertain outstanding persons coming to Los Angeles, who have contact with the Hughes' organization.

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TO : THE DIRECTOR

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DATE

FROM : G. A. ROSEY

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS,
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

PURPOSE - To acquaint you with the recent developments in this case.

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS - The Los Angeles Division advises that Meyer reportedly endeavored to get a passage for [redacted] aboard the Constellation on its first trip from Europe to the United States. Meyer did arrange passage for Harry Gold, United Artist Pictures, from New York to Los Angeles in connection with Gold being used to handle release of Howard Hughes' motion picture. Meyer has continued to contact various movie actresses for Hughes, possibly for a new picture to be made by Hughes.

ACTION TAKER - A teletype is being sent to Los Angeles

requesting that they keep the Bureau promptly advised of any developments. *RECD 10-78225* 11 b7c/e

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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS, MISCELLANEOUS, INFO. CONCERNING.

MEYER REPORTEDLY ENDEAVORED TO GET PASSAGE FOR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ABOARD THE CONSTELLATION ON ITS FIRST / b7c

TRIP FROM EUROPE TO U.S. HE ARRANGED PASSAGE FOR HARRY GOLD, UNITED ARTIST PICTURES, FROM NEW YORK TO L.A. IN CONNECTION WITH GOLD'S BEING USED TO HANDLE RELEASE OF HOWARD HUGHES' MOTION PICTURE. MEYER CONTINUES TO CONTACT VARIOUS MOVIE ACTRESSES FOR HUGHES, POSSIBLY FOR NEW PICTURE TO BE MADE BY HUGHES. [REDACTED]

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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WA, MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING
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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WA., MISC. INFO CONCERNING. MEYER IS
REPORTED TO HAVE HAD ROW WITH HOWARD HUGHES DURING LATTER
PART OF LAST WEEK. MEYER REPORTEDLY STATED HE NEVER WANTED
TO SEE HUGHES AGAIN.

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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 12-7-45	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/9-11/30/45	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED] ESF
TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases	CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

[REDACTED] He has continued to be in touch with HOWARD HUGHES and has endeavored to make contacts with various movie actresses in whom HUGHES is interested. [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [REDACTED]
dated 10-24-45 at Los Angeles.

DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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"Variety" for October 23, 1945, stated that in addition to the position offered by the MPPA, KRUG had received offers from FLOYD O'DLUN to become an executive of the Atlas Corporation, and another offer from HOWARD HUGHES to become an executive in charge of foreign operations for TWA.

Connection with Hollywood Columnists

Through the services of [REDACTED] it was learned that HARRISON CARROLL, a columnist who writes for the Hearst newspapers, had written an article to the effect that YVONNE DE CALE and HOWARD HUGHES had been in Canada together. Further it was stated that HUGHES had recently taken DE CALE to New York City and that MEYER personally called on CARROLL and asked him not to print the story in his column regarding the trip to New York. CARROLL reportedly stated that he did not intend to use the story as the subject was no longer news. MEYER replied that he was delighted to hear of this and that he was sending two cases of Scotch whisky to CARROLL for his cooperation. CARROLL replied that he did not want any of MEYER'S

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SCOTCH and that he was not printing the article simply because it was not news. This informant stated that MEYER had contacted practically every columnist in Hollywood and had sent Scotch all over town in order to attempt to make sure that the item would not leak out in the papers.

MEYER'S Activity in HOWARD HUGHES Productions

Through contacts had with [REDACTED] it was learned that HOWARD HUGHES had been able to secure the services of SOL LESSERMAN, United Artists, to handle the release of HOWARD HUGHES' film "The Outlaw"; however, it appeared that some of the terms of the contract were objectionable to LESSERMAN and considerable difficulty ensued. It was reported that MEYER was working on LESSERMAN in order to iron out the difficulties regarding the contract. It was noted on several occasions that MEYER went to the Beverly Hills Hotel where LESSERMAN was staying, and it was thought that MEYER had made contact with LESSERMAN on these occasions for the purpose of endeavoring to straighten out the difficulties. Subsequently it was determined that MEYER was also endeavoring to secure the services of other men well known in the motion picture industry to handle the release of the film instead of LESSERMAN. One of the individuals whose services have been solicited for the position is HARRY COULD, of United Artists Pictures in New York City.

Through the same source it was reported that MEYER had been keeping himself somewhat busy during the past three or four weeks endeavoring to make contacts with various noted motion picture actresses in whom it was believed that HOWARD HUGHES had indicated an interest. Among those actresses whom MEYER has been contacting are: DIANA VYNK, JOAN LESLIE, GAIL RUSSELL, JEAN CHAIN, and BARBARA GATES.

Trips Made by Meyer

It will be noted in the referenced report it is stated that MEYER, HOWARD HUGHES, and a woman believed to be IVONNE DE CARLO, the noted film actress, had departed from Los Angeles for Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 2, 1945.

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It was stated that HOWARD HUGHES was to have made the trip to Palm Springs on this occasion; however, his reservations were cancelled.

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FAITH DOMERGUE mentioned above is identical with FAITH DAWN who resides at [REDACTED] and who was employed by the Hughes Productions as a movie actress and with whom HOWARD HUGHES has previously had dates.

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Through Confidential Source [REDACTED] it was ascertained that MEIER receives a letter almost daily from the Howard Hughes Aircraft Corporation, Culver City, California; however, no other mail was received at his residence which was considered to be of particular interest to the instant investigation.

This source stated that HOWARD HUGHES had dined at the home of NILS THOR GARLUND, master of ceremonies at the Florentine Gardens, with YVONNE DE CAELO. GARLUND stated that HUGHES had ten million dollars invested in the big airplane which is presently in production and that the United States Government has a like amount invested; further, that recently the Russians had endeavored to buy this plane; however, HOWARD HUGHES had refused to do business with them.

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Office Memorandum

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR
FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WA,
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: December 13, 1945
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PURPOSE - To acquaint you with the recent development in this case.

RECENT DEVELOPMENT - The Los Angeles Division advises that Meyer is reported to have had a disagreement with Howard Hughes and stated that he never wanted to see Hughes again.

ACTION TAKEN - A teletype is being sent to Los Angeles requesting that they furnish additional information on the reported disagreement between Meyer and Hughes.

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[REDACTED] IT IS REPORTED THAT DISPUTE BETWEEN MEYER AND HUGHES WAS MERELY A FLARE-UP AND MEYER IS STILL WORKING FOR HUGHES. NO FURTHER INDICATIONS MEYER INTENDS TO LEAVE HUGHES' EMPLOYMENT AT THIS TIME.

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TOOL CO. PERELLIS RESIGNATION WAS ANNOUNCED JAN. NINE LAST
AS RESULT OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE SHAKE UP IN HUGHES PLANT.
FRANCIS PAULSON REPORTED PROMINENT CLEVELAND ATTORNEY IS
SAID TO HAVE BEEN IN CONFERENCE WITH HOWARD HUGHES DURING
DECEMBER LAST AND IT IS THOUGHT PAULSON WILL REPRESENT HUGHES
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MEYER CONTINUALLY CONTINUES HIS CONTACTS WITH HOWARD HUGHES AND
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HUGHES DESIRES TO MEET.

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REPORT MADE BY LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 1-29-46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 12/1-23/45 1/7-25/46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	DRB b7c
TITLE JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases		CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING		

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: MEYER continues close contact with HOWARD HUGHES in Los Angeles and is reported to be endeavoring to contact various motion picture actresses for HUGHES. Subject had row with HUGHES during December last, but break with HUGHES merely temporary. FRANCIS POULSON, prominent Cleveland attorney, stated to be handling HUGHES' picture "The Outlaw" so as to get it passed by censors.

CHARLES PERELLI, general manager and vice-president Hughes Tool Co., resigned as a result administrative changes made by HUGHES. EDWARD FLYNN, former leader Democratic Party, visited Los Angeles during December last and reservations made for him at Palm Springs by HUGHES' office.

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REFERENCE:
Reports of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 9-6-45
and 10-24-45 at Los Angeles.
Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated 12-7-45 at Los Angeles.

DETAILS: AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

MEYER'S ACTIVITIES in Connection with HOWARD HUGHES

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In this regard it has been noted that the Variety reported on December 12, 1945, that HARRY ~~B~~GOLD, United Artists Eastern Sales Manager, had resigned, to be effective January 1, to become general manager of the world-wide distribution on HOWARD HUGHES' production. GOLD was stated to have been with United Artists for the past twenty-three years.

Information was made available [REDACTED] to the effect that MEYER had had a row with HOWARD HUGHES during the first part of December and that MEYER had reportedly stated he never wanted to see HOWARD HUGHES again. It was ascertained [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that MEYER had left Los Angeles on December 7, 1945, and was staying at the Racquet Club. In connection with this particular trip to the Racquet Club, [REDACTED] reported that during MEYER's stay there, there had been numerous telephone calls for MEYER from HOWARD HUGHES in Los Angeles. However, MEYER refused to talk to HOWARD HUGHES on the telephone. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] appeared to be quite peeved with HUGHES.

[REDACTED] stated that there was no further information available concerning HUGHES' and MEYER's alleged fight and that it was not known whether MEYER was endeavoring to seek any other employment.

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Reference is made to the reports of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 6, 1945, and October 24, 1945, at Los Angeles, wherein information is set forth regarding CHARLES PERELLI, who was employed as vice-president and general manager by HOWARD HUGHES at the Hughes Tool Company, Los Angeles. It was pointed out in the reference reports that HUGHES had indicated to MEYER that CHARLES PERELLI would lose his position.

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The Los Angeles Times dated January 9, 1946, carried a news article to the effect that HOWARD HUGHES' plant in Culver City was undergoing an administrative shakeup, which was capped by the resignation of general manager CHARLES E. PERELLI. It was stated that he had quit as vice-president of the Hughes Tool Company and as general manager of the Hughes Aircraft Company, which positions he had held since August, 1944. HUGHES was stated to have said that he and PERELLI had disagreed over the manner in which the plant should be operated, and related that he could not begin to tell all of the disagreements that had occurred in regard to policy. NOAH PATRICK, executive vice-president of the Hughes Tool Company, was reported as having flown to Los Angeles from Houston, Texas, and as a result of his presence the resignations of PERELLI and his associates began.

Other individuals affected by the shakeup were TONY BURK, public relations manager, JOHN W. HEDDEN, assistant general manager, CLIFFORD SHARPE, production manager, and CLINTON ERB, auditor.

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also related that reservations were made by HOWARD HUGHES' office in Los Angeles for the POULSONS, and in addition, reservations were made for the former Governor HILTNER of Ohio. [REDACTED] Contact had with [REDACTED] developed information to the effect that Poulson was believed to be in confidence with HUGHES regarding the release of the motion picture "The Outlaw." HUGHES has been having considerable difficulty in getting "The Outlaw" passed by the censors of numerous states, and has shown considerable worry over its failure to be released. It was thought that POULSON would handle the motion picture "The Outlaw" and endeavor to have it passed by censors.

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[REDACTED] also reported that HOWARD HUGHES' office had
endeavored to make reservations for EDWARD FLYNN, the former leader of the
Democratic Party, about the first of December. [REDACTED]

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Through the services of [REDACTED] it was learned that YEARY apparently had shown considerable interest in the various movie actresses, in whom it was thought that HOWARD HUGHES had an interest and desire to know. Among those movie actresses were such persons as JEAN CRAINE, JOAN LESLIE, DIANNA LYNN, GAIL RUSSELL, and BARBARA OVERTON.

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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated September 6, 1945, at Los Angeles, wherein information is set forth regarding MIA WACKLIN [REDACTED]. It was reported that MEYER had picked up MIA WACKLIN on August 23 last and had driven her to HOWARD HUGHES' private airport, where she apparently boarded a private plane headed for the east.

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In connection with JOHN MEYER's and HOWARD HUGHES' social activities, it was noted that JILLY STAR, in the Los Angeles Evening Herald Express on January 8, 1946, reported on a party which was held on January 4, 1946, in which he stated that one of the smartest parties of the season was given by Mrs. ERIC GILDA DAHLBERG in honor of the KIRK PAULEYS. It was reported that Mrs. DAHLBERG had among her guests movie stars, politicians, socialites, newspaper people, bankers, etc., and HOWARD HUGHES and JOHNNY MEYER.

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Beverly Hills Hotel, reported that JOHN MEYER had been a regular visitor to that hotel, usually for drinks and occasional parties. However, she could not recall who he generally had with him at the time. She stated that on occasions JOHN had visited the hotel with HOWARD HUGHES, but that there was no information of particular importance to report regarding his activities at the Beverly Hills Hotel.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. T. *EAT*

DATE: 2/4/46

FROM : R. A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, with aliases;
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. Clark
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Garside
Mr. Cran
Mr. Jernigan
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Pennington
Mr. Quinn, New
Miss Ladd
Miss Smith
Miss Gandy

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise that investigation of subject Meyer's activities reveals no unusual activity; that he is still making contact for Howard Hughes with motion picture actresses; that the Howard Hughes office made reservations which were not used for former Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio at Palm Springs, California; that the Hughes office endeavored to get reservations for Edward Flynn, former leader of the Democratic Party; and to call your attention to other information developed.

MOTION PICTURE ACTRESSES HOWARD HUGHES DESIRES TO KNOW

[REDACTED] advises that subject Meyer has shown considerable interest in the following actresses:

Jean Craine
Joan Leslie
Dianne Lynn
Gail Russell
Barbara O'wen

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It is understood that Howard Hughes desires to meet these girls and that Meyer is making these contacts in his behalf.

RESERVATIONS FOR EDWARD FLYNN AND FORMER GOVERNOR JOHN W. BRICKER

[REDACTED] Racquet Club at Palm Springs, California, states that reservations were made by the Howard Hughes office during the month of December in behalf of former Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also advises that the Howard Hughes office during the first part of December, 1945, endeavored to make reservations for Edward Flynn, former National leader of the Democratic Party. [REDACTED]

ATTORNEY FRANCIS POULSON OF CLEVELAND, OHIO

[REDACTED] advises that she made reservations for Attorney Francis Poulson and his son at the request of the Howard Hughes office. [REDACTED]

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Memo. to Mr. Tamm

[REDACTED] Poulson appears to be negotiating
in behalf of Hughes for the release of the motion picture "The Outlaw." Hughes
has been having considerable difficulty in getting the latter picture past the
censor throughout the states.

ADMINISTRATIVE SHAKE-UP OF HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY

The Los Angeles Office advises that the Los Angeles Times on January 9,
1946, carried a news article indicating that the Howard Hughes Plant in Culver
City was undergoing an administrative shake-up. The news item stated that Charles
W. Perelli had quit as Vice President of the Hughes Tool Company and as General
Manager of the Hughes Aircraft Company, which positions he had held since August,
1944.

REFERENCE MADE TO KRUG IN WIRE BY MEYER

[REDACTED] advised that Meyer had wired Dr. Lewis H. Marks, Commercial Alcohol Company, 1429 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, during December, 1945, stating:

[REDACTED] Francis Poulson arriving here this weekend for conferences with Hughes.

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN

You will be advised immediately concerning any new developments in this case.

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JOHN WILLIAM MEYER, WAS. MISC. INFO, CONCERNING. HOWARD HUGHES

PLANNING PARTY OF PROMINENT HOLLYWOOD PERSONAGES TO MAKE INAUGURAL PASSENGER FLIGHT ON THE QUOTE CONSTELLATION UNQUOTE FROM L.A. TO NEW YORK AND RETURN, LEAVING HERE FEB. FIFTEEN AND RETURNING FEB. SEVENTEEN NEXT. MEYER ENDEAVORING TO GET SUCH

PEOPLE AT L.B. MAYER, JACK WARNER, DARYL ZANUCK, CART GRANT, SINGRID BERGMAN AND OTHER MOVIE NOTABLES TO MAKE TRIP. MEYER HAS MADE RESERVATION AT WALDORF HOTEL, N.Y. FOR THE PARTY.

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cc: Mr. Rau Hood

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